

**What is claimed is:**

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:  
an image carrier movable on which an image is formed;  
an intermediate transfer body, movable in contact with said image carrier, to which the image on the said image carrier is transferred; and  
a controlling means for starting the drive of said image carrier after the drive of said intermediate transfer body is started.
2. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image carrier starts image formation based on movement of said image carrier.
3. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, and further comprising a cleaning means for cleaning said image carrier in contact with said image carrier.
4. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, and further comprising a detecting means for detecting a position of said intermediate transfer body, wherein said image carrier starts image formation based on output from said detecting means.
5. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image carrier and said intermediate transfer body are contained in the same image forming unit and detachably attached to an apparatus body.
6. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image carrier and said intermediate transfer body receive transmission of drive force upon coupling to a side of an apparatus body, and wherein drive force transmission start to said intermediate transfer body is performed earlier, by a maximum time that said image carrier can complete a connection to the side of the apparatus body with said coupling or more, than drive force transmission start to said image carrier.

7. An image forming apparatus comprising:  
an image carrier movable on which an image is formed;  
a transfer material carrier movable for carrying a transfer material,  
said transfer material carrier being in contact with said image carrier, in  
which the image on said image carrier is transferred to the transfer material  
on said transfer material carrier; and  
a controlling means for starting the drive of said image carrier after  
the drive of said transfer material body is started.
8. The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said  
image carrier starts image formation based on movement of said image  
carrier.
9. The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, and further  
comprising a cleaning means for cleaning said image carrier in contact with  
said image carrier.
10. The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, and further  
comprising a detecting means for detecting a position of said intermediate  
transfer body, wherein said image carrier starts image formation based on  
output from said detecting means.